

July 11, 2016

## **IMPORTANT: Upcoming Conference Calls**

AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>: Our next Local Agency Conference Call is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, plan on being available until 11:00 as we have a lot to cover. As this will be our last call prior to the start of the new fiscal year and State Plan on October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be providing IMPORTANT updates to policies which will be taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan to have as many staff attend as possible. We will be posting an agenda, call-in, and web-ex link information as it gets closer.

September 1<sup>st</sup>: We will be kicking off bi-monthly training webinars starting with the first Thursday of odd months (alternate to regular conference calls). Our first webinar will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. The September webinar will be training on approving special formula requests. This is very important for CPAs as there will be a change in the policy regarding formula approvals starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

October 6<sup>th</sup>: This Local Agency Conference Call will cover our revised monitoring process. We will be starting a new 2 year cycle of monitoring and have revised our forms, finding areas, and chart review/observation criteria. As this process will also affect self-monitoring, this will also be a very important call to attend.

As always, we will record the webinars and post notes and PowerPoints for those who are unable to make it. However, know that all staff will be held responsible for the information.

## **New Local Program Staff Training**

The State Office will be offering training for new(er) local program staff on September 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Please see the <u>agenda</u>, <u>registration form</u> and <u>list of possible hotels</u>. Attendees will be expected to complete required activities before attending; these will be sent in a later newsletter. Local programs are responsible for the travel, lodging and per diem (food) costs. If additional funding is needed to attend, please contact <u>Kate Girard</u>. Questions? Email <u>Lalittle@mt.gov</u> or call 444-5923 or fax 406-444-0239 to Lacys' attention.

## 2017 Income Eligibility Guidelines

As a reminder, the 2017 Income Eligibility Guidelines are now posted on the website <u>here</u>. Please have the most current IEG table at your work area, and discard of any old ones. Thank you!

#### **New State Staff**

Stacy Purdom is starting today, July 11<sup>th</sup> as the Financial Specialist for the program. Stacy is taking over the position that Michelle Sanchez vacated and will be your point of contact for expenditures, contracts and any other financial questions. She comes to us with about 17 years of experience in accounting, mostly working for State Dept. of Justice, Board of Crime Control. Stacy will be part time and will be spending the first few weeks orienting to her new role, please join me in welcoming Stacy on board!

Her phone number is 406-444-3451 and her email is <a href="mailto:spurdom@mt.gov">spurdom@mt.gov</a>

#### Job Opening in Ravalli WIC

The Ravalli County WIC program (Hamilton, MT) has a job opening for a CPA (RD preferred), 32 hrs per week, \$15.00-\$18.00 per hour (D.O.E.). Apply through Bitterroot Job Service, website or (406) 363-1822.

#### New Infographic for World Breastfeeding Week

To celebrate 2016 World Breastfeeding Week, NWA has developed an infographic in English and Spanish that can be made into posters for display in WIC clinics, doctors' offices, bookstores, churches, etc. You can download the <a href="English version here">English version here</a> and the <a href="Spanish version here">Spanish version here</a>. We also invite you to visit the <a href="World Breastfeeding Week website">World Breastfeeding Week website</a>. Thank you for all you do to support breastfeeding!

# Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (MT-PECH) Providing Up to \$1,000 Grants

Grants of up to \$1,000 are now available! This quarter, we will be funding programs focusing on <a href="Step 8">Step 8</a>, improving emergency food systems, and <a href="Step 9">Step 9</a>, nutrition education. If your organization could benefit from this funding, you can find the grant application <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. Applications are due by August 1.

Note: The grant criteria will change quarterly to focus on different steps in the <u>10-Step Plan</u>, with all steps being covered over a 1 year period.

For a list of our current grantees, please click HERE!

## **Jackie Cenis Going Away Party**

On July 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-12:30 at the Ravalli County WIC clinic there will be an open house to say goodbye to Jackie Cenis as she moves on to new adventures. All are invited. There will be cake and punch. Thank you!

## **Food Product Survey**

A brief survey on additional or changes to existing food products on the WIC Authorized Food List is open to all Montana WIC staff. These changes are being considered for a new food list that would be released with the full rollout of eWIC. Please complete the <u>survey</u> by July 31, 2016.

### **Weekly Risk Code Highlight**

<u>Risk Code 345</u>, Hypertension and Prehypertension is defined as presence of hypertension or prehypertension diagnosed, documented, or reported by physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

Note that this is not to be coded for women post-partum who only had gestational hypertension and it has since resolved.

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